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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S) :

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,523,634	Takahashi et al.	Jun 04, 1996
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Germany	43 04 385	Aug 18, 1994
Germany	196 30 658	Feb 13, 1997

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The references listed above were cited by the European Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart European patent application no. 02 025 777.0 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

An English language abstract is attached to DE 43 04 385. No abstract is available for DE 196 30 658.


Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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